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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Discussion with Mr. Blake, D/L, on Requesting A&E Funds

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1. On 30 June 1970 and again on 8 September 1970, I pointed out to Mr. Blake [REDACTED] DD/L, that it was essential if the Agency was not to be caught in a later bind to include at least an initial request for A&E monies in the FY 72 budget. BPS had included a request for 8.3 million dollars for all the A&E work required in the Building Planning Program. This item was removed from the budget by the Executive Director-Comptroller & OPPB.

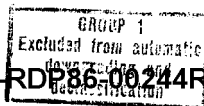
2. The decision has been made that the BPS Building Planning Program will be geared to the construction of a group of buildings (campus style) in which all overt outlying offices in the Metropolitan Washington Area could be housed on the Headquarters site. A one time approach would require, at this time, at least 110 million dollars. The feeling has been expressed that a series of approaches in lesser amounts would be more palatable to OMB and the Congress.

3. Mr. Blake was advised at both meetings that the logical course of action would be to so schedule our requests that all necessary construction could be completed by 1980. He was told that in order to accomplish this goal, requests for A&E and construction funds would have to be scheduled between FY 72 and FY 77. In this manner it will be possible to make reasonable approaches on an incremental basis through these five fiscal years. I noted that if there were delays in the first year or two, this would crowd the request for funds, and if the delay reached 1975, we will have defeated the intention of reducing the impact through lesser requests for funds and diffusing the image of a massive single construction effort.

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4. At the conclusion of the last discussion on 8 September, it was noted by Mr. Blake, [REDACTED] and myself that this is not the logical year to be requesting construction or A&E funds; nevertheless, I stated that it was my responsibility to bring the matter up to the attention of the Director of Logistics and to recommend that the above points be carried forward. I further noted that

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the offices of the DDS and PPB should be made aware of the time factors and the pressures that will build up if a faster program for requesting funds is not followed. Mr. Blake made the decision that he did not wish to go forward and request A&E funds and that BPS should not prepare a memorandum requesting such monies for the expansion of the Printing Services Building. This would have been recommended by the undersigned as the most logical building to be first constructed. At the 30 June meeting, Mr. Blake had been provided with justification for this Printing Services Building Addition. The justification noted the many savings which would result and that this construction would permit the release to GSA of the [REDACTED] Mr. Blake [REDACTED] were advised that the A&E requirement for the Printing Services Building Addition would be approximately 800 thousand dollars according to present BPS projections.

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